(ग) वर्ष 1995-96 और 1996-97 (दिसम्बर 1966 तक) के दौरान 5.001 एम एम टी और 3.25 एम एम टी (अनन्तिम) मिट्टी तेल क्रमशः 198.30 अमेरीकी डालर प्रति एम टी और 232.74 अमेरिकी डालर प्रति एम टी की औसत दर पर मुख्यतः कुबैत, वहरोन, सयुंक्त अरब अमीरात सऊदी अरब, इस्राइल, यूनान और इटली के आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से प्राप्त की गई।

(घ) वर्ष 1995-96 में घरेलू इस्तेमाल के लिए मिट्टी तेल पर अनुमादित राजसहायता 4190 करोड़ रूपये थी।

I.I'C distributors and extension points in Sultanpur

1379. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG distributors in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh, alongwith the number of extension points and places of each distributor;

(b) whether there is any extension point at Kurcbhar;

(c) if so, the name and address of the dealer, alongwith the delivery rate of LPG cylinders;

(d) whether Government have asses-scd'propose to assess the potential of Kurebhar and its adjoining villages for the purpose of providing LPG dealership;

(c) if so, the details thereof viz. population of Kurcbhar block, number of villages in the recommended area, with population; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and by when Government propose to assess the potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Oil Marketing companies have 6 LPG distributorships in Sultanpur Distt. of Uttar Pradesh. However, none of the six distributorships has any extension point.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Docs not arise.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The population of Kurcbhar block is reported to be 1,23,904 and population of Kurebhar is 5,000. Population of Divakaganj and Dhanp it-ganj which are within a radius of 15 KM are 2000 and 3000 respectively. There is no adequate potential to sustain an independent economically viable LPG distributorship at Kurebhar.

(f) Docs not arise.

Requirement of refining capacity by 2000 A.D.

1380. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER of state:

(a) the requirement of refining capacity by 2000. A.D.;

(b) whether any cost-benefit study of the utility of public sector refineries has been done;

(c) if so, the findings thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that oil companies in other countries are cutting down their refining activities; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to reduce the potential loss-making or low returns from public sector refineries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Estimated demand of petroleum products in the year 20001-2002 is about 113 million tonnes. Refienry capacity by this time would be about 131 million tonnes per year.

(b) and (c) The project proposals of Public Sector refineries are approved by the Government on the basis of Detailed Feasibility study and techno-cconomic evaluation of the project.

(d) Refining capacities in certain advanced countries have been utilized in the past due to lower demand. However, refining capacities in the developing countries have been increasing.